

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus ~~for treating pelvic organ prolapse~~according to claim 12,

~~comprising~~wherein the main body is

a ring shaped main body sized and shaped to apply appropriate pressure on lateral vaginal walls for treating pelvic organ prolapse,

characterized in that the ring shaped main body is flexible, the device being foldable at least three different points or along at least two axes, such that insertion of the main body does not have to be precise and that the ring shaped main body naturally settles into the appropriate rotational position for prolapse treatment taking a pre-defined multi-planar shape; and further comprising,

an applicator enclosing the ring shaped main body for inserting said ring shaped main body into a vagina.

2. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said multi-planar main body extends in three axes.

3. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a device displacer.

4. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a soft external layer located on at least a portion of said main body, said soft external layer adapted to enhance comfort.

5. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a soft external layer located on at least a portion of said main body, said soft external layer adapted to prevent necrosis.

6. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the soft external layer is comprised of sponge rubber.

7. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said apparatus is at least partially flexible, said apparatus flexible in response to forces applied to it while in the vagina and during removal.

8. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 which is disposable.

9. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said main body is adapted to not directly compress a urethra after said insertion.

10. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the ring shaped main body is provided with a varying degree of stiffness along its length enabling the main body to assume the predefined multi-planar shape upon insertion.

11. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the ring shaped main body elastically expands into the predefined multi-planar shape upon insertion.

12. (Previously presented) An apparatus for treating pelvic organ prolapse, comprising:

a main body adapted to provide pelvic organ support when inserted into a vagina; and,

an anchoring body, wherein said anchoring body is selectively affixed to said main body.

13. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 12 wherein said main body is non-planar, extending along three axes.

14. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 further comprising a device displacer.

15. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 further comprising a soft external layer located on at least a portion of said main body.

16. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 wherein said apparatus is adapted to be flexible in response to force applied on said apparatus while in said vagina and during removal from said vagina.

17. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 which is disposable.

18. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 wherein said main body is deformable upon the application of a removal force towards an opening of said vagina.

19. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 further comprising an applicator adapted for insertion of said apparatus.

20. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 wherein said anchoring body is ring shaped.

21. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 wherein said anchoring body is ovoid.

22. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 where said anchoring body is multi-sided.

23. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~for treating pelvic organ prolapse~~ according to claim 12, comprising: wherein the main body is

——— a thin main body adapted to provide pelvic organ support when inserted into a vagina, which main body is deformable at least three points thereon.

24. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23 wherein said main body is non-planar, extending along three axes.

25. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23 further comprising a device displacer adapted to impart movement to said apparatus.

26. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23 further comprising a soft external layer located on at least a portion of said main body, said soft external layer adapted to prevent necrosis.

27. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23 wherein said apparatus is adapted to be flexible in response to force applied on said apparatus while in said vagina and during removal from said vagina.

28. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23 which is disposable.

29. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23 wherein said apparatus does not directly compress a urethra upon said insertion.

30. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 or claim 23 wherein said main body is provided with a hollow lumen, and further comprising:

a flexible tube, wherein said tube is attached to said main body and provided with a hollow lumen in fluid contact with said main body hollow lumen;

a non-compressible fluid located within the lumen proscribed by said tube and main body; and

a blocking mechanism, wherein said blocking mechanism is slidably located on said tube thereby constraining said non-compressible fluid within said lumen.

31. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 30 wherein said flexible tube further comprises additional reservoir space, increasing the volume of the lumen proscribed by said tube and main body.

32. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23 further comprising an applicator used for insertion of said apparatus.

33. (Currently amended) A method of treating pelvic organ prolapse, comprising:

inserting into a vagina an apparatus for treating pelvic organ prolapse;

and

positioning said apparatus within said vagina wherein said apparatus exhibits a non-planar configuration after said insertion; and,
anchoring the apparatus within the vagina using an anchoring body.

34. (Original) A method according to claim 33 wherein inserting is facilitated by using an applicator.

35. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 33 further comprising removing said apparatus from said vagina.

36. (Original) A method according to claim 35 wherein said removal is facilitated by a device displacer adapted to impart movement to said apparatus.

37. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 33 further comprising disposing of said apparatus.

38. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 33 wherein said positioning does not apply direct pressure to a urethra.